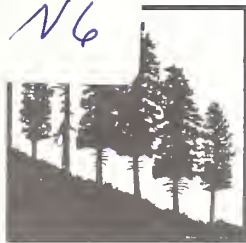


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A Newsletter For Employees and Retirees

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It's Thomas

"These are...interesting times, exciting times, critical times. When the history of conservation in the United States in the 20th century is written, I believe this period will loom as large, for good or ill, as the times of Pinchot and Roosevelt. We...are privileged indeed to stand this watch." *Jack Ward Thomas, 1985*

Ending weeks of speculation, Assistant Secretary Jim Lyons announced November 17 that Jack Ward Thomas, 59, of LaGrande, Oregon, was to be the new Chief of the Forest Service, effective December 1. Dave Unger was named Associate Chief, succeeding George Leonard.

Lyons explained that the Chief position was filled as a political

appointment so that Thomas could be brought into the job immediately. Although Thomas is a career Forest Service employee, he does not meet the Senior Executive Service (SES) qualification requirements. The Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 established the SES which replaced almost all GS-16 and above job classifications in Federal service. Lyons stated that before he leaves office, the position of Forest Service Chief will return to career status. Lyons emphasized that Thomas is continuing the tradition of providing professional leadership for the agency.

Thomas, a Texas native, began his 27 years with the agency as a research wildlife biologist in Morgantown, West Virginia in 1966. Three years later he transferred to Urban Forestry and Wildlife Research in Amhurst, Massachusetts, where he served until 1974. Since 1974, Thomas has worked as a chief research wildlife biologist and project leader at a GS-16 level with Range and Wildlife Habitat Research, La Grande, Oregon.

Among the many awards Thomas has earned over the years: the Gulf Oil Conservation Award (1983); Special Recognition Service Award, The Wildlife Society (1983); the Distinguished Service Award, USDA (1985); Conservation Achievement Award for Science, National Wildlife Federation (1991); Outstanding Achievement Award, Society for Conservation Biology (1991); The Aldo Leopold Medal, The Wildlife Society (1991); USDA Forest Service Chief's Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer, 1992

Thomas has a B.S. in wildlife management, M.S. in wildlife biology, and Ph.D. in forestry (natural resources planning option).

The primary task before Thomas, Lyons stated, is to increase the credibility of the Forest Service; reinvest in the professional resource managers who constitute the Forest Service; and move forward with an ecosystem management approach that is scientifically sound and best meets the complex and diverse needs of the agency's customers.

An Eventful Year

by Dave Jolly, Regional Forester

The holiday season is upon us again. It's a time to think back over the year's events as well as what lies ahead. Perhaps for all of us in the Forest Service, the uncertainties of the past year make it all the more important to reflect. Reflection can sometimes put things in perspective and give a sense of balance. But more important is to look ahead.

We have a new chief and associate chief, greeted with anticipation and excitement by many within our ranks. With thoughts of gift-giving in the air, we ought to think about what we can offer Jack Ward Thomas and Dave Unger. It

seems to me what would be most appreciated is our enthusiastic support and continued best effort. Jack is carrying a very heavy personal burden that calls for our special understanding if he is distracted from time to time as he assumes the yoke of responsibility of this organization. In the spirit of the season, I hope each of us in our own way will pray that his burden is in some way lightened.

I do not want to end this message without thanking all of you for a year of achievement. We accomplished a lot and, with the exception of our timber program, we did all the things we said we would do.

I am particularly pleased with the reason and professionalism you applied to some volatile situations and issues. Because of that professionalism, we have made progress on many fronts and there are signs of more progress to come—both in the short term and down the road.

I hope you take time during the holidays to relax, reflect, and recharge. With the risk of sounding trite, I also want to wish you a Happy Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year. It is said with a genuine feeling of confidence and hope for the year ahead.



Hats Off!

to Stevensville SW Interdisciplinary Team

The first Region 1 Public Affairs Director's Award for Excellence in Public Involvement was presented to the Stevensville Southwest Interdisciplinary Team for their public involvement in developing ecosystem management desired condition



L to R - Public Affairs Director Beth Horn presents award to Stevensville District Ranger Leslie Weldon

statements and management practices to be implemented for the Stevensville southwest landscape. Each ID team member and the Stevensville Ranger District received a plaque for their efforts. In addition, the ranger district received a camcorder to assist their work.

The award was established as a result of a recommendation from the Regional public involvement task force to recognize special efforts in public involvement. "The Stevensville southwest interdisciplinary team developed public involvement objectives to increase public access to the planning and decision process and a public involvement strategy specific for the project. The strategy included the establishment of a public working group which was highly successful. Too often, we look at how we are going to do public involvement after we have started our planning instead of incorporating it up front in the process," said Beth Horn, R-I Director of Public Affairs in making the presentation to District Ranger Leslie Weldon.

to Trapper Creek Job Corps High School

Trapper Creek High School, at Trapper Creek Job Corps Center near Darby, Montana, is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and is operated by Forest Service. Most of our youths come to us without a high school education and read at about the sixth grade level.

Center Director Nancy Mjelde was proud to receive eight achievement awards in education at the National Center Director's Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah in September. Trapper received three awards for 1991, one for achieving high scores in reading, one for math and one for GED (general equivalency diploma). This outstanding performance was repeated in 1992 and the center received three more awards. We were extremely honored to receive the certificate for the highest percent of students obtaining the GED certification of the 18 Forest Service centers for program years '91 and '92.

We would like to thank our principal teacher Joe Quinn and his staff for continuously providing our youths with the education they need to acquire a high school diploma.

*by Marlette Lacey, Administrative Officer
Trapper Creek Job Corps*

to Kurt Fruit

Dave Campbell
Dist. Ranger
Sula, Mt.

Dear Mr. Campbell,

I write to commend Kurt Fruit, one of your rangers, for his honesty and integrity. He found my precious and valuable Winston Fly Rod & Hardy Reel (\$700 value) on the East Fork Bitterroot road which I had lost. I was offering a \$150 reward and he wouldn't accept a dime (not even a case of beer).

Wow! I was impressed! So, I say "hats off" to guys (& the gals) in our U.S. Forest Service who live by that old golden rule—"do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Again, my deepest thanks to ranger Kurt—and to you Dave for the quality of your people at Sula Ranger Station.

Best Wishes

Bill Barnett
"A Happy Camper"

to Lynnee Maillet

Lynnee Maillet, a permanent seasonal employee with the Superior Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, was the recipient of this year's Region One Aviation and Fire Management Safety and Health Award. For the past four years, Maillet's crew has safely suppressed over 100 wildfires and participated in over 90 prescribed burns without serious injury.

A firefighter with 13 years of experience, Maillet supervises a 15-person district fire crew and is responsible for two Model 51 and one Model 41 fire engines. Her crew is also trained in both helitac and prescribed burning operations.

Maillet's fire protection area often requires the crew to work in highly dangerous situations such as along the right-of-way on Interstate 90, in the flashy ponderosa pine fuels of the Clark Fork River valley, on the steep and rocky terrain common to the drainages that discharge into the Clark Fork, and near houses or other structures in the Mineral County wildlands/urban interface.

Maillet oversees the training of new firefighters in the basic techniques of wildland



Lynnee Maillet, holding her safety award

firefighting and ensures that engine drivers are fully qualified to drive on narrow, steep logging roads. She is also active in both the Regional and forest chainsaw training and is herself qualified at the Class C level. She trains all district sawyers to the Class B level.

Maillet was pleasantly surprised by the award, which consisted of a plaque and a check, saying, "It blew me away. I didn't expect it." It is Maillet's absolute belief that safety comes first, and her crew understands that there is no negotiation on this point. She and her crew's safety record provides ample evidence of a well-managed fire safety program.

*by Jim Soular, Civil Engineering Technician
Lolo National Forest*

a note from Dave

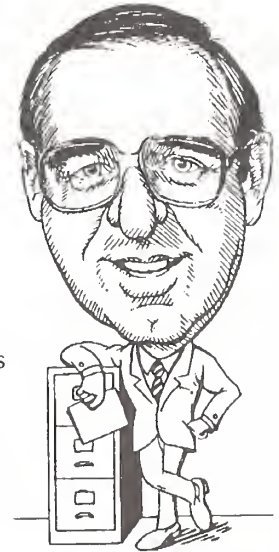
An important question we all need to give some thought to during this period of change in the Forest Service is how we measure success. Not only how we measure it, but how we define it. As we all know, this outfit has shifted gears and the emphasis has switched to different areas that accommodate a better balance in our programs. The changes amount to more than that, though. In other words, these changes involve much more than the timber and road programs. We really are changing the way we do business.

Obviously it will take time to regroup and adjust our thinking to what is meant by success in our program areas, in our Region, and in the Forest Service. In defining success, we are inclined to move away from numbers, from hard targets, from widget counting. We should alter quantifying our management objectives to placing more importance on quality resource management and giving the public what they want from their national forests.

I also want us to reward people for innovation when a better way is what's needed; for building bridges instead of walls to improve working relationships between our own people, other agencies and the public; for creating a work environment that welcomes diversity of opinion, accepts it at face value and values our differences as strengths rather than weaknesses within the organization; for establishing land management programs that represent the best science available; for encouraging a healthy dynamic Ecosystem Management program that is fully ingrained in our approach to land management; for creating partnerships with other agencies and individuals to which contribute towards giving the American people the most efficient government possible; for respecting and supporting each other when the going gets tough; and for trying every way possible to do what we say we are going to do.

Determining success in our activities is not so difficult a task if we have the right starting point. Caring for the Land and Serving People does not in itself provide the answers but it is in that statement of mission that our answers will be found. Success, in the end, is being measured by ourselves. If we can feel at the end of the day that we have done our very best and that our efforts have been in the spirit of that mission, then we can go home feeling good about ourselves and our work—and look forward with enthusiasm to the coming day.

Dave
Dave Jolly
Regional Forester



In Search of a Killer

by Jim Olivarez, Noxious Weeds Group Leader
Regional Office

The mere mention of "Spotted Knapweed" and "Leafy Spurge" brings fire to the eyes of many land owners whose properties are overgrown with the noxious stuff. They are also fightin' words to Forest Service managers. The reason is that the two plants are exotic species accidentally introduced from foreign countries. In their new environment, the plants escape their original complex of natural enemies and grow more vigorously and spread more rapidly than our native plants.

Particularly hard hit in Region 1 are Missoula and Ravalli Counties, now heavily infested by Spotted Knapweed; and areas in North Dakota, which are suffering a Leafy Spurge encroachment. The extent of the problem is demonstrated by the Sheyenne National Grasslands in Lisbon, North Dakota, the site of a 70,000-acre remnant of Tall Grass Prairie—50,000 acres of which is now under invasion by Leafy Spurge.

The primary reason for the alarm is not only that exotic species crowds out native plants, but also because they are not as nutritional a forage for wildlife and livestock. Therefore, the impact of these invasions could have traumatic effect on the ecosystem of the area.

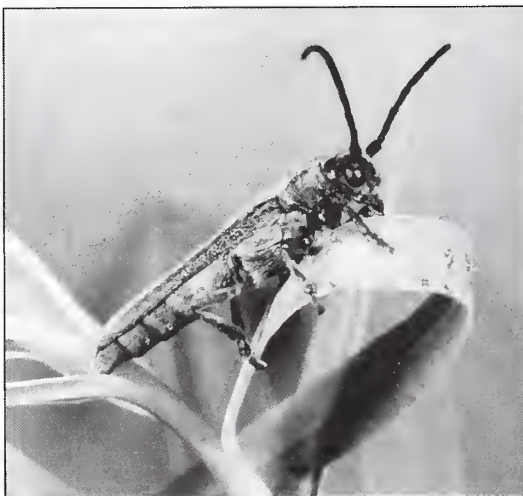
Have heart, help is on the way! For those large areas where complete eradication is not feasible, biological control is having good effect. Biological control of weeds is often broadly defined to include

the use of any living agent to control a species of plant. For weeds, techniques include grazing by livestock, application of commercially produced plant pathogens applied as a herbicide, and manipulation of populations of native insects to force them to attack a target weed.

The greatest success, however, has come from studying the natural enemies of the exotic plants and selecting those insects (or occasionally a plant pathogen) with the greatest potential for suppressing the weed.

After extensive tests and studies to prove conclusively that the insects will not attack any desirable agricultural or native plants, and very thorough review of the results, the insects are approved for release on the weed. Once in the field, these insects are now not restrained by their natural enemies and typically build up populations capable of overwhelming their host, the weed.

When successful, these natural enemies never eradicate their host weed, but reduce it to a much lower population level, usually consisting



The Long Horned Beetle/Red Headed Stem Borer, eating Leafy Spurge. Even greater damage is caused by the insect in its larval stage when it bores into the Leafy Spurge stem and root crown.

of small scattered pockets of plants where the introduced insect and the target weed exist in a new ecological balance. The technique, which has been around since 1902, has now been tried worldwide on over 100 weeds.

In the Northern Region, biological control is being used. Insect releases first occurred on the Lolo, Kootenai and Bitterroot National Forests for Spotted Knapweed insects. Currently, insects are being released on the Custer, Deerlodge, Lewis and Clark, Helena, Flathead, Gallatin, Idaho Panhandle National Forests. Now, the biological agents are targeted for Leafy Spurge, Dalmation Toadflax, Musk Thistle, Yellow Toadflax, Canada Thistle and Russian Knapweed. New agents are being sought for Sulfur Cinquefoil, Orange and Meadow Hawkweed.

To sum up, we wouldn't want you to hug a bug today—necessarily. Just keep in mind there are bugs out there working for us that deserve a little credit.

Avery Battles Knapweed

by Rich Wells,
Forestry Technician
Avery Ranger District, IPNF

This summer the Avery weeds crew was pleased to meet a new friend in the fight against Spotted Knapweed. The small brown and yellow moth, "Agapeta zoegana," bores into the roots of Spotted Knapweed, which weakens the plant, and reduces its longevity and seed productivity. The moth has only recently reached sufficient population in captivity to begin releases. It is hoped that within a few years the population will become large enough to allow the colonization of other areas.

Knapweed is quite suitable for biological agents, which are keeping the weed somewhat rare in its native area. Other insects should become available in the next few years as various federal and state agencies approve their release. One cautiously optimistic projection is for biological controls to be controlling populations of knapweed in 15 - 20 years.

Restoring with Natives

by Jill Blake, Botanist
Idaho Panhandle National Forests

This last summer, Sandpoint Ranger District initiated one of the first "native restoration" projects for the Forests. The site is Harrison Lake, a subalpine lake ecosystem in the proposed Selkirk Crest wilderness. The area is also in identified grizzly bear and caribou habitat. Since the area is proposed wilderness, native plant species needed to be used in the restoration project. Another incentive to use natives was our new R-1 native revegetation policy designed "to emphasize the importance of biodiversity, and to recognize the intrinsic value of native plant vegetation as a component of natural forest ecosystems."

Harrison Lake is a very popular destination point for a wilderness camping experience and scenic beauty. The current and past use at Harrison Lake has caused soil compaction, severe loss of vegetation, and sanitary waste problems due to overuse and lack of appropriate facilities. The plan was to install a primitive toilet near the lake, a vault toilet at the trailhead, and "naturalize" the area by seeding and planting with native plant species.

In July, Marsha Hollander, project

coordinator, organized a field trip to the lake. The purpose in going was to gather a plant list, and to survey for potential rare plant species for the project sensitive plant biological evaluation. Gary Ford, Forest soil scientist, went along to see what the soils looked like.

I developed a seed mix that included five native grasses and two lupine species, all suitable for a subalpine habitat, and all known to occur in north Idaho. Rooted cuttings of "Pachistima," mountain ash, and huckleberry were also included in the native plant order. The plants and seeds arrived in September, and were planted and seeded September 18, of this year. Marsha checked on the plants one week later, said they looked good, gave them some water, and noted that chipmunks had had a feast of the scattered seed. (If anyone knows a solution to this problem, please let us know.) Marsha scattered more seed and raked it in. We'll see what comes up in the spring.

On November 8, Betsy Hammet, Sandpoint District forestry technician, and I hiked to the lake to collect cuttings of rhododendron, mountain heath and

heather, huckleberry and "Menziesia." I took a couple cuttings of a woody penstemon too, just to try out. The day was cold and sunny. The low growing heathers had to be dusted of about five inches of snow. The cuttings were taken to our Forest tree nursery the following morning. Aram Eramian and Mark Mousseaux, both foresters in tree improvement, put the cuttings in a 50 percent peat/vermiculite, 50 percent perlite rooting media, and into a propagation chamber with bottom heat and around 90 percent humidity. The nursery has not had experience rooting any of these species, and welcomed the opportunity. If the cuttings take, we'll be planting them back into the Harrison Lake area in the spring of 1994. The plants will be checked periodically to determine the success of our first real "native" revegetation project on the IPNF.

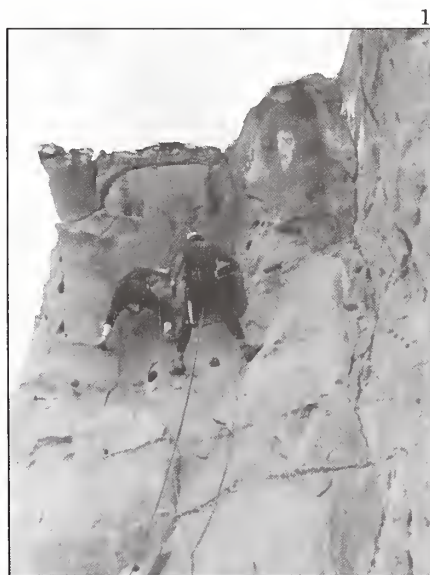
P.S. The primitive toilet at the lake is pretty neat. It's three sided, with an open ceiling, and looks out on a beautiful view of the Selkirk Mountain Range. Kind of fits right in!

New Housing Development for Prairie Falcon Families

by Gary Foli, Wildlife Biologist
Little Missouri National Grasslands
Custer National Forest

There are new homes for the prairie falcon in the Badlands along the Little Missouri River, thanks to a joint effort between the Conoco Oil Company and the Forest Service. Two new cliff nesting structures were built into a cliff in McKenzie County during a two-day project in September, providing the prairie falcon a ready-made shelter to raise their offspring.

The new nests are in the vicinity of an active nest and a proposed oil well site. Conoco agreed with the Forest Service to discontinue drilling during periods of nest activity as part of mitigation. However the company went the extra mile to fund the creation of the two additional nesting sites to attract the falcons just in case daily activity at the well would impact use of the old site.



Conoco employees Lyndon Zielke (on left in picture 1, on right in picture 2) and Ken Daraie, both experienced rock climbers, carve the nests out of the soft sandstone cliff face using hand tools and a generator-powered drill. A plywood insert was then placed inside the opening, and the cracks filled with a sandstone, clay, and cement mortar.

Beaverhead's First Supervisor Murdered as Sheriff

Killer Executed in County's Last Hanging

Butch Selway, civil engineering technician for the Beaverhead National Forest, put a good deal of effort into making a plaque listing the Beaverhead's former forest supervisors. Butch researched many records to get the list of 15 men who held the job since the Forest was established in 1908. The fruit of Butch's labor, completed five years ago, now hangs in the Forest Supervisor's Conference Room.

Butch's interest in things historical comes honestly. His great grandfather, Robert Selway, and his family became the first Europeans to settle in the Beaverhead Valley. The Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness and other geographic features, like the "Bloody Dick" area, south of the Big Hole, commemorate other members of Butch's pioneering family.

As luck would have it, a few weeks ago Butch went over to the Beaverhead County Courthouse on some business and noticed an exhibit there about the county's sheriffs. One of the names in the exhibit caught Butch's eye: "C.K. Wyman." The name sounded familiar.

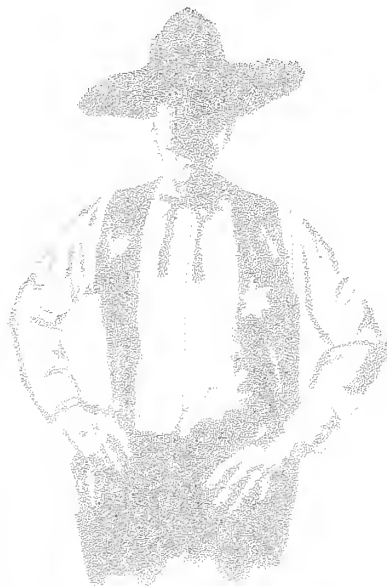
Butch suddenly remembered why: C.K. Wyman was the first forest supervisor of the Beaverhead National Forest! He read on. A thief murdered Sheriff Wyman in 1920 and became the last man hanged in the county.

Intrigued, Butch found old issues of the Dillon Examiner, which chronicled C.K. Wyman's death. The story begins on Wednesday, April 17, 1920. On that day, "one of the most popular and upright officers who has ever served in Beaverhead County, was atrociously murdered at Monida shortly after the noon hour...."

The night of Tuesday, April 16 or early on the 17th, a man named Albert Yeik came to Monida, a small village on the Montana-Idaho border, astride the Union Pacific Railroad. Yeik let himself into a barn, put his horse in it and went to sleep in the hay loft.

Wednesday morning, a "youth from Idaho Falls, employed at Monida" recognized his father's saddle hanging in the barn. The saddle had been stolen and so was the horse. The youth reported what he found to the local sheriff's office which, in turn, alerted Wyman. Wyman took the morning passenger train from Dillon to Monida to investigate.

Meantime, the owner of the Monida general store offered Yeik a job for the morning to keep him in town so the sheriff could catch



him. Witnesses later said they thought it unusual that Yeik took his breakfast and "dinner" (lunch) wearing his chaps. It turned out he had a .32 pistol hidden under the chaps.

Wyman arrived at noon and went to the Monida hotel, where he found Yeik eating lunch. The sheriff approached Yeik, who said he'd go along, but had to get his coat in the barn. Wyman followed Yeik into an alley where Yeik whipped the pistol out and shot Wyman twice in the abdomen. Yeik fled to the barn for his horse.

Townfolk rushed out when they heard the shots and came to Wyman's aid. One man fired at Yeik but only wounded his horse. But, as a result, the horse got unruly. So Yeik dismounted and ran along the railroad accompanied by two dogs, and returned fire.

A surgeon came to attend Wyman, but the sheriff died two hours later.

Meantime, the undersheriff, with a posse, trailed Yeik to a shack where they overtook him hiding under a trap door in the floor. The lawmen then had to get Yeik to Dillon, contending first with an angry Monida crowd and then taking him to Dillon in secret by automobile, avoiding the hostile crowd that waited for Yeik at the Dillon train station.

The Examiner covered Wyman's funeral held on April 30, 1920. The paper reported that Wyman (full name, Cyrus King Wyman) was born on March 29, 1867, in Maine, and that his father Alphonso was visiting him in Dillon at the time of his murder. The paper goes on to say C.K. Wyman came to Montana

at age 19, locating near Philipsburg, where he "engaged for several years in mining pursuits." He went back to Maine in 1889, married his "boyhood sweetheart," Alice Hall, and returned to Philipsburg. There he served as deputy sheriff.

The paper says Wyman entered the Forest Service in 1904 and quickly achieved the grade of ranger, and in 1905 got "supervision" of the Beaverhead National Forest. Wyman gets credit for organizing the forest reserve which wasn't completely surveyed at the time.

Actually, the Beaverhead National Forest wasn't proclaimed until July 1, 1908, when Wyman's term as supervisor begins in official records. Much of the land that went into the Beaverhead National Forest had already been reserved starting in 1897, in the Big Hole, Hell Gate, Bitter Root forest reserves. (We should note here that the eastern portion of the modern Beaverhead Forest, in Madison County, was part of the Madison National Forest until 1931. The west slope of the Madison Range came to the Beaverhead from the Gallatin Forest in 1945.) Wyman served as the Beaverhead's supervisor until 1916, when he was elected Beaverhead county sheriff.

The Wyman story doesn't end there, though. The Dillon Examiner's August 17, 1921, issue has a front-page story about the pending execution of Albert Yeik. The story talks about Yeik's eating and sleeping habits and about the gallows under construction in a yard between the courthouse and the county jail.

A week later, the paper has another front-page story that tells when Yeik will hang, mentions that women and boys under 21 won't be allowed to see the hanging (it was a by-invitation-only event!). The paper went on to say that "young boys who persist in loitering about the courtyard after they are ordered away, will be locked up in jail and held there until the hanging is over."

A few residents of Dillon, the paper reports, were circulating petitions asking the governor to commute Yeik's sentence to life imprisonment. The governor chose not to get involved. Yeik hanged for his crime at 4:30 a.m., on Friday, August 26, 1921, the last execution held in Beaverhead County.

*by Jack de Golia, Public Affairs Officer
Beaverhead National Forest*

Greater Yellowstone: A Vision of Long Ago

Horace Albright, a protege of Stephen Mather, first director of the National Park Service (1917-29), served as superintendent of Yellowstone National Park in the 1920's. He also became the second director of the National Park Service (1929-33). He was among the first to articulate the "Greater Yellowstone" idea. This past August, Marian Albright Schenk, Albright's daughter, sent Grand Teton Superintendent Jack Neckols the following letter from her father to "White Mountain" Smith. Smith was Grand Teton's superintendent at the time. The occasion for the letter, dated April 23, 1943, was the proclamation of Jackson Hole National Monument. (The monument brought into National Park Service administration lands that John D. Rockefeller had acquired for this purpose. Congress later incorporated much of the monument into the park in 1950.)

"Creating the national monument was indeed a day for celebration. It always comes back to me that the great pity of it all was that Congress, in its infinite wisdom, didn't conceive of the region as an entire system when it created Yellowstone National Park in 1872.

"You know, I was born and raised in Bishop, California, in a valley not unlike Jackson Hole, surrounded by the craggy, towering Sierra Nevada to the west and the broad mass of the White Mountains to the east. In those days, it was a fertile bowl with streams and lakes supporting lush, green ranches. Within a few years, the city of Los Angeles stepped in to take the water and soon most of the valley reverted to desert.

"I was only twenty-five years old when I first came to the Jackson Hole on an inspection trip for the Interior Department. I was struck dumb by the awesome beauty of it, the mighty Tetons to the west and the other mountain ranges forming this bowl of rivers and lakes. Although somewhat different in appearance, there was enough similarity to fill me with dread that it could go as my beloved Owens Valley had gone, destroyed by the hand of man. I vowed that day in 1915 that I would never give up until this beautiful land would either be added to Yellowstone, or, better still, become its own national park. And my dream hasn't been realized yet.

"My original concept, one that pre-

dated the creation of the National Park Service (in 1916), was to extend the boundaries of Yellowstone to include the region south to the Jackson Lake Dam. As the years went by, the concept grew with the participation of Mr. Rockefeller. And during the time I was superintendent of Yellowstone, I perceived an even 'Greater Yellowstone,' a term coined by my old friend (and sometime nemesis) Emerson Hough. Tramping and packing over almost every foot of that incredible wilderness—both inside and outside the borders of the park—I came to the conclusion that the neat, little square set aside in 1872, had to liquefy, flow out to natural boundaries. I minutely studied watersheds, the drift of animals, geologic, climatic and geothermal activities—again not just in the park but the surrounding areas. The findings proved my point.

"Yellowstone National Park was not an entity. It contained a core around which it was necessary to build a more natural unit. We needed the great watersheds; we needed the lands to which the animals gravitated; we needed protection for other wildlife which strayed from our borders; we had to ensure that geothermal activity in the park could not be disturbed from without; we needed to provide complete protection for the great forests surrounding Yellowstone, so that there would be no chance of devastation by commercial interests. Indeed, there had to be a cohesive unit bound together for the preservation of a true balance of nature.

"And you know, old friend, today this seems an impossible dream given the Forest Service animosity and jealous guardianship of its preserves plus commercial opposition and the political pressures both from the states and the Congress. Nevertheless, all of us who believe in this dream must never give up. I know it is only a question of time—a short time—until will see the Teton region united in one national park. And I always hope, deep in my heart, that other parts of a 'Greater Yellowstone' will eventually evolve into a sanctuary against the rapid encroachment of an exploding population and economy which will surely follow this great war."

by Jack de Golia, Public Affairs Officer
Beaverhead National Forest



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Horace Albright, April 23, 1943

What's Going On

Kings's Hill District Ranger Named

On November 1, Terry Knupp officially assumed the district ranger job of the Kings Hill Ranger District of the Lewis and Clark National Forest. The position is in White Sulphur Springs, Montana.

Knupp served previously as assistant ranger at Hungry Horse District, Flathead National Forest. While with the Flathead Forest, Knupp worked on public participation and rural economic development projects. She says she believes her move to the Kings Hill District will provide her with ample opportunities to continue working in these areas.

A Bozeman native, Knupp briefly attended Montana State University before transferring to the University of Oregon where, in 1978, she received a bachelor of science degree in Parks and Recreation Management. After graduation, she worked seasonally for the Forest Service as a recreation specialist for the Hebgen Lake Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest.



Terry Knupp

Beginning in 1979, Knupp worked for Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MDFWP) for 10 years. Most recently, she was the Northwest Region's Parks program manager in Kalispell. While working for MDFWP, Knupp received a master's degree in public administration from the University of Montana. In 1990, she resigned from MDFWP to take an outdoor recreation planner position with the Forest Service's Northern Regional Office in Missoula.

*by Bonnie Dearing, Public Affairs Specialist
Lewis and Clark National Forest*

CFC Gets Results

The 1994 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) proved very successful in Ravalli and Missoula Counties. This is the first year that Federal agencies in Ravalli County have participated in the program. A \$500 contribution from Trapper Creek Job Corps helped push the Bitterroot National Forest's total to date to over \$4,767. In presenting their check to Forest Supervisor Steve Kelly, Trapper Creek Student Council members Chad Lorea and Alisia Arenello announced that the students had designated 50 percent of the \$500 to go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and 50 percent to the Children's Defense Fund, which assists in ensuring adequate child care, health care, and education for poor, minority, abused and handicapped children. The fund also fights teen pregnancy and homelessness.

Federal agencies in Ravalli County contributed \$6,086; Missoula County contributed \$45,914. The combined totals exceeded CFC campaign goals by more than \$500.

*by Cass Cairns, Information Assistant
Bitterroot National Forest and
Carol Anderson, Procurement Analyst
Regional Office*

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Helps Fund Wildlife Prescribed Burn

In these days of belt-tightening for the Forest Service, help for routine management practices such as prescribed burns is greatly appreciated. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) granted Challenge Cost Share (CCS) funding this fall for a wildlife prescribed burn in the Little Belt Mountains within the Musselshell Ranger District. The area encompasses big game winter range which has been maintained in the past by wildfire.

The Harlowton community and surrounding rural area near the location of the prescribed burn were pleased to see RMEF dollars coming back locally for the benefit of wildlife. The Harlowton area supports an active RMEF chapter. At their first annual banquet and at subsequent banquets, the chapter has proved that the community has a long term commitment towards raising money for wildlife.

*by Tom Whitford, Wildlife Biologist and
Roxie Stroud, Computer Clerk
Musselshell Ranger District
Lewis & Clark National Forest*

RO Directors Visit Bitterroot



Regional Office staff directors and Bitterroot National Forest Lead Team members on a "show-me" trip of forest resources

The Regional Office staff directors recently spent several days on the Bitterroot National Forest to gain a better understanding of Forest issues and become more aware of some of the resource management problems faced by Forest land managers. On-site visits, hosted by the Bitterroot Lead Team, gave the directors an opportunity to see landscape management on the Bitterroot face, various aspects of the timber program, ecosystem management and urban interface strategy, Lake Como Dam and recreation facilities, and watchable wildlife viewing areas.

*by Madelyn Kempf, Public Affairs Specialist
Bitterroot National Forest*

What's Going On

International Firefighter Exchange

by Steve Karkanen

Lolo Interagency Hotshot Superintendent

In 1992, a firefighter exchange between the Forest Service and the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment (IBAMA) was initiated. Robert Mutch, technology transfer specialist at the Intermountain Fire Sciences Lab, made arrangements through the Office of International Forestry in Washington, D.C. to bring Brazilian firefighters to Montana to learn about wildland firefighting technique and to observe how the Forest Service responds to wildland fire on a National level.

The Lolo National Forest hosted two bombeiros (firefighters) from the Rio de Janeiro Fire Department, Brazil, during the summer of 1992. The exchange was continued in 1993 with the arrival in Missoula on May 25 of two additional Brazilians, Capt. Gilberto Mendes and Lt. Jorge de Oliveira. After a few days rest and purchase of clothing appropriate to Montana's cold weather climate, the two men began training immediately to become hotshot crew members. Gilson de Sousa, a physical training student originally from Brazil, was hired to assist with translation.

Although Capt. Mendes and Lt. de Oliveira arrived after the initial crew start-up date of May 15, they participated in other early season training and became fully qualified hotshot crew members. This training consisted of both classroom and field exercises and was of 80 hours duration.

In addition to training required of the hotshot crew, they also participated in training with the Missoula smokejumpers and made site visits the Northern Rockies Coordination Center, Southwest Montana Zone Interagency Coordination Center, NOAA Missoula Weather Service, Intermountain Fire Sciences Lab, St. Patrick Hospital Life Flight program and the University of Montana.

During fire assignments, they closely observed the structure of the firefighting forces in the United States, the variety of fuel types common to the western United States and the application of the Incident Command System to incidents ranging from 1/4 acre to 42,000 acres in size. The Brazilians were also able to directly participate in extensive prescribed fire activities at the Lolo Forest, which was instructive in demonstrating the value of fire as a management tool and as an essential element to maintenance of Northern Rockies ecosystems.

Holly Maloney and Mike Savka, both Lolo Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC) squad leaders, have been invited to Brazil by IBAMA to participate in mountain search and rescue training and to assist with the implementation of the department's wildland fire suppression course. Holly and Mike will travel to Rio in early November and remain there for six weeks. Steve Karkanen, the IHC superintendent, will travel to Rio in early December to assist with a portion of the wildland fire training, and to give presentations on the Forest Service role in wildland fire management and the Incident Command System.

This program, now in its second year, is highly successful and of significant benefit to the fire management programs in Brazil and the United States. These firefighter exchanges promote future cooperation between members of the international fire community and serve to extend concepts such as mutual aid, technology transfer and information exchange.



Lt. Jorge de Oliveira at far left, kneeling; Capt. Gilberto Mendes is at far right, second row

Some Introductions Are in Order

Part III in a Series on the R-1 Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee

In the October and November issues of this newsletter, I introduced you to PDAC members Kathy Daugherty and Randy Wakefield. And now please meet our other Randy, **RANDY STEINER**, of the Clearwater National Forest, vice-chair of PDAC.

I'm the personnel clerk in the Clearwater National Forest Supervisor's Office and the Forest Persons with Disabilities Program manager. As a quadriplegic, I have been able to lend expert advice and experience when my job responsibilities entail working towards greater Forest accessibility. I have worked with the Corps of Engineers to design an accessible campsite on Dworshak Reservoir; with the State of Idaho Judicial system to improve accessibility at the Orofino Courthouse; and with the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation to gain better access to their programs and facilities.

I also coach Little League baseball, teach golf lessons and am a member of Orofino Celebrations, Inc.

I totally believe that there is little that I cannot accomplish given time, and I am so stubborn that if you tell me that I can't do something, I'll find a way to prove you wrong. My goal is to help make the Clearwater National Forest as well as the Region's beautiful realty accessible to as wide a range of people as possible. My philosophy is we are employed by the public, and owe it to them to provide for people of all abilities the chance to experience the land that we manage.

Then there's **WADE PARAC** from the Gallatin National Forest:

I was born and raised here in Montana. My family instilled a real appreciation for the outdoors and pursuing activities in those great outdoors. I enjoy all the things that many of us live here for, like hunting, fishing, and I also like watching and participating in sports activities. I played football and was a sprinter in track in high school, and played football for the Bobcats while in college.

Life before the Forest Service included free-lancing as an artist after college (I still enjoy painting when I get the time!); working at MSU for a computer programmer, and working in a family store. I am 37 and divorced, and I enjoy picking out a couple of events a year that I've always wanted to do and doing them. Last year was the Rose Bowl Parade and game. This year I have attended a pro baseball game for the first time. The next event will be the Kentucky Derby in '94.

I started working for the Forest Service in 1987 as a data input clerk and am presently a personnel management specialist trainee. Some people think I'm crazy, but I enjoy working in Personnel and find it extremely challenging.

And finally, I am **CRYSTAL LAKE** from RO-Personnel Management and chair of the PDAC.

Having grown up in eastern Montana, I'll have to admit my only early experience with the Forest Service was the handmade wood sign which hung from a lone cottonwood tree outside of town which read, "Joplin National Forest." Little did I know then that I would someday be working for the real Forest Service!

After graduating from Montana State University with a degree in Fine Arts, the Aerial Fire Depot (AFD) was my first introduction to the Forest Service, and I was their first test of accessibility. In only a matter of days there was a ramp installed and a restroom retrofitted. I worked at the AFD as the information receptionist for their Visitor Center and as time permitted, illustrated firefighting scenes. I have since moved to the Regional Office, where I am presently secretary to the director of Personnel.

I find being the PDAC chair both challenging—because the program is new and no one has done this before—and exciting for the same reason. I appreciate the opportunity to have a say in how we, as a Region, proceed from here. Achieving accessibility isn't always easy, but with a little creativity and a lot of persistence, things do change. I look forward to the day there is no longer a need for committees like ours and the blue symbol of disability is a thing of the past.

by Crystal Lake, Secretary
Regional Office

Personnel Update

BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BENGEYFIELD, PETE, cash award, SO
BROWNING, DAVE, cash award, Dillon RD
DENTON, PHYLLIS, cash award, SO
EDWARDS, SCOTT, cash award, Wisdom RD
ESQUIBEL, STEVE, cash award, SO
EVANS, LEE, cash award, SO
GALE, GIL, cash award, Wisdom RD
GREENE, SCOTT, cash award, Madison RD
GROSS, RAY, cash award, SO
HARPER, JOHN, cash award, SO
JATCZYNSKI, MIKE, cash award, SO
JENSEN, LEANNE, quality step increase, Wise River RD
JUDGE, DICK, cash award, SO
KITTEL, SHERYN, cash award, SO
KOLAR, BILL, cash award, SO
KOLAR, CHRISTINE, cash award, SO
MOLINA, ERNIE, cash award, Wisdom RD
QUINN, BRIAN, cash award, Wise River RD
ROUFS, RENEE, cash award, Wisdom RD
RYAN, MIKE, cash award, SO
SELWAY, BUTCH, cash award, SO
SMITH, KATHY, cash award, SO
SPEICH, CATHY, cash award, SO
SUENRAM, PERI, cash award, SO
SVOBODA, DAN, cash award, SO
TROEDSSON, SWEDE, cash award, SO
WILLIAMS, KATHY, cash award, Sheridan RD

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

ANDERSON, LESLIE, forester, Stevensville RD, cash award
ANDREWS, KEN, civil engineering technician, SO, promotion, realty specialist
ELMORE, BOB, landscape architect, SO, cash award
FUCHS, JIM, social services assistant, Trapper Creek CCC, promotion, supervisory social services assistant
GIBSON, NANCY, resource clerk, Stevensville RD, cash award
GRANT, ROY, administrative officer/civil engineer, SO, cash award
KEMPF, MADELYN, public affairs specialist, SO, cash award & quality step increase
LOCKMAN, DAVE, fish biologist, Stevensville RD, cash award
STEWART, FRED, economist, Lolo NF, cash award
TERRILL, Jr., BILL, forester, Darby RD, temporary promotion, District Ranger, West Fork RD
THOMPSON, BROOKE, supervisory forestry technician, Stevensville RD, cash award
THOMPSON, KIRK, supervisory civil engineer, SO, cash award
VARNUM, VICKI, archeology technician, SO, cash award
WAGNER, TOM, district ranger, Darby RD, quality step increase
WILSON, MIKE, forestry technician, Stevensville RD, quality step increase

CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BALLARD, GERALD (BLAKE), supervisory forester, Potlatch RD, cash award
DEKOME, KARL, forester, Powell RD, cash award
EDWARDS, RICK, fisheries biologist, Pierce RD, temporary promotion
HALL, GLADYS, support services supervisor, Potlatch RD, cash award
HOWARD, DEBBIE, forestry technician, Lochsa RD, cash award
KAAGE, WILLIAM, supervisory fire management officer, National Park Service, promotion
KIRTLAND, ROBERT, surveying technician, SO, cash award
LAMBERSON, SUSAN, forestry technician, Powell RD, cash award
MCWILLIAMS, SUSAN, forestry technician, Potlatch RD, cash award
NORWOOD, JAMES, maintenance worker, Powell RD, promotion
PAULSON, WES, forestry technician, Powell RD, cash award
PERRY, KRISTINA, forestry technician, Lochsa RD, cash award
RILEY, MARGARET, forestry technician, Lochsa RD, cash award
WAY, LONNIE, forestry technician, Potlatch RD, cash award
WEST, MARION, forestry technician, Potlatch RD, cash award

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

KAAGE, WILLIAM, forester, Powell RD, transfer, National Park Service, Everglades

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BIRDIN GROUND, WILFORD, range conservationist, Ashland RD, promotion
FRIDLEY, BETTY, applications clerk, McKenzie RD, cash award
GLASOE, CURTIS, cadastral engineer, SO, cash award
GRINDE, PETER, supervisory range conservationist, Medora RD, temporary promotion, district ranger, Grand River RD
MORIN, FOREST, district ranger, Grand River RD, temporary promotion, district ranger, Medora RD
RINEHART, SUSAN, botanist, Medora RD, cash award
RUFSELD, COLLEEN, resource clerk, Sheyenne RD, promotion
SJRSEN, PHILLIP, range conservationist, Medora RD, temporary promotion, supervisory range conservationist, Medora RD
STUDINER, SCOTT, range conservationist, Ashland RD, promotion

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

HATFIELD, DAVID, geologist, Beartooth RD, reassignment, Manti-LaSal NF
LUNSFORD, MARY, secretary, SO, reassignment, information assistant, SO
POINTER, LEAH, support services supervisor, SO, reassignment, personnel clerk

RESIGNATIONS

O'ROURKE, LISA, realty specialist, McKenzie RD, resignation

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BRASH, GENE, cash award, Spotted Bear RD
CHRISTOPHERSEN, AL, cash award, Hungry Horse RD
HORNING, DAVE, wildlife biologist, SO, transfer, Fish & Wildlife Service, Raleigh, NC
KENNEDY, DENNIS, cash award, SO
RICHARDSON, RODD, deputy forest supervisor, temporary promotion, forest supervisor, Custer NF
SODERSTROM, KENTH, cash award, SO, SWAN LAKE RD, national spirit award
TREAT, PATSY, non-monetary award, SO

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

KEYES, CONNIE, personnel management specialist, 50, QSI
MARX, BARB, resource assistant, 50, cash award
MOSBY, CINDY, computer assistant, SO, QSI
NEFF-SHEA, JULIE, forester, Bozeman RD, cash award
NOVAK, MARK, forester, Bozeman RD, cash award

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

EDWARDS, WANDA, office automation clerk, temporary promotion, purchasing agent St. Maries RD
HOLLANDER, MARSHA, forester, promotion, forester, Sandpoint RD
NACCARATO, ROBERTA, civilian pay clerk, promotion, Priest Lake RD

NEW EMPLOYEES

CHATEL, JOHN, fisheries biologist, Flathead NF, conversion to career conditional, Sandpoint RD

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

ANDERSON, MICHAEL, reassignment, civil engineering technician, St. Maries RD
FORD, GARY, soil scientist, reassignment, SO
MOEN, JAMES, civil engineering technician, reassignment, St. Maries RD
SMITH, DONALD, supervisory forester, reassignment, St. Maries RD

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

DESY, PEGGY, supervisory budgeting & accounting analyst, SO, special act
EATON, WENDY, support services supervisor, Rexford RD, special act
FUJISHIN, MONTE, supervisory forester, Three Rivers RD, special act
HAUGE, KRISTEN, archaeologist, Rexford RD, special act
HVIZDAK, RONALD, forestry technician, Rexford RD, performance award
JORGENSEN, LEROY, budgeting & accounting officer, SO, performance award
LEIMBACH, PAUL, forester, SO, performance award
ELLEM, JANE, supervisory resource specialist, SO, special act
NICHOLS, VIRGINIA, budgeting and accounting analyst, SO, special act
PLUID, JACK, maintenance worker, Rexford RD, performance award
SUMMERFIELD, BOB, wildlife biologist, SO, quality step increase
SYKES, WILLY, contract specialist, SO, special act
WATTS, MICHAEL, supervisory computer specialist, SO, performance award

LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

COATS, ROBERT, spot award, Judith RD
FINNEGAN, PATRICK, cash award, Rocky Mountain RD
HORAK, FRANK, promotion, forestry technician, Rocky Mountain RD
HORN, TIMOTHY, cash award, Rocky Mountain RD
JOHNSTEN, JENNIFER, promotion, forester, Kings Hill RD
KNUPP, TERRY, forester, Flathead NF, promotion, district ranger, Kings Hill RD
LEWIS, MOYRA, cash award, Musselshell RD
SCHMIDT, GUY, promotion, civil engineering technician, SO
STROUD, ROXANNA, cash award, Musselshell RD
TIMCHAK, LAWRENCE, spot award, Judith RD
WANDERAAS, DAVID, promotion, forester, Musselshell RD

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

JOHNSON, TERI, cartographic aid, SO, 10-year service award
KIBLER, CHUCK, supply clerk, SO, promotion, Tongass NF, SO, Ketchikan, AK
STEWART, FRED, economist, SO, cash award from the Bitterroot NF

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

NEEDHAM, BRUCE, assistant personnel officer, Deschute NF, reassignment, personnel officer, Lolo SO

REGIONAL OFFICE

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

ANDERSON, BETTY, resource specialist, ADM, cash award
ANTONICH, PATRICIA, program assistant, WRHP, cash award
BELKNAP, SCOTT, forestry technician-smokejumper, A&FM-AFD, cash award
CHAMBERS, LORETTA, contract specialist, ADM, quality step increase
CHANDLER, SCOTT, forestry technician-smokejumper, A&FM-AFD, spot award
CLOSE, ELIZABETH, forester, WRHP, cash award
DELGADO, KIMBERLY, information assistant, PAO, promotion
FINNEMAN, COLLEEN, program assistant, A&FM-AFD, cash award
FLEMING, ANDREW, forestry technician-smokejumper, A&FM-AFD, cash award

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GRIFFIN, KAREN, land law examiner, L&M, cash award
HAMMACK, DON, forestry technician (smokejumper), A&FM-AFD, spot award
JACOBSEN, GERALD, classification specialist, PM, cash award
KRUGER, CYNTHIA, accounting technician, ADM, cash award
MACEO, HARRIS, accountant, ADM, cash award
MARKS, RON, forestry technician-smokejumper, A&FM-AFD, cash award
MCLAREN, JAN, supervisory accountant, ADM, cash award
MCLAUGHLIN, RAYMOND, management analyst, ADM, cash award
NOONEY, PATRICK, computer programmer analyst, A&FM, cash award
PLYMALE, PAULA, accountant, ADM, cash award
PRITCHARD, JOHN, cooperative fire specialist, A&FM, cash award
THURLKILL, ROY, forester, WRHP, cash award

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

COLE, BETTY, program assistant, LFP, transfer, forestry financial assistant, BIA

Personnel Changes

Diane Haener of the Clearwater Ranger District is filling the position vacated by Sandra Nuxoll (see story below). A native of Grangeville, Diane worked as a clerk typist at the Cottonwood Job Corps until it closed in 1974. She has since worked at the Clearwater District as a payroll clerk, district resource clerk, and support services supervisor.



Diane Haener

Diane, her husband and three children live in Grangeville.

Resource assistant **Sandra Nuxoll** ended her commute between Grangeville

and Elk City when she accepted the support services supervisor position at the Elk City Ranger District. Sandra began her career with the Forest Service as a clerk typist in 1980. In 1984 she became a resource assistant with responsibilities in timber sale accounting. While in Grangeville Sandra served as Federal Women's Program manager for the Nez Perce National Forest.

Sandra and her husband Roger own the Junction Lodge outside Elk City where they plan to eventually settle. They have three children.

Glenna Waltee has accepted the administrative officer position with the Custer National Forest effective January 9, 1994. Glenna is currently temporarily promoted to supervisory budget analyst in the Program Development and Budget staff, WO. Prior to her temporary promotion, Glenna was a budget analyst in the WO Program Development and Budget staff. Other jobs include supervisory budget



Glenna Waltee

analyst, R-6 Regional Office; supervisory resource assistant, Lands and Minerals, R-6; supervisory business management assistant on both the Chiloquin Ranger District, Winema National Forest and the Heber Ranger District, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest; accounting technician and resource clerk, SO, Tonto National Forest; district clerk, Big Timber Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest. She

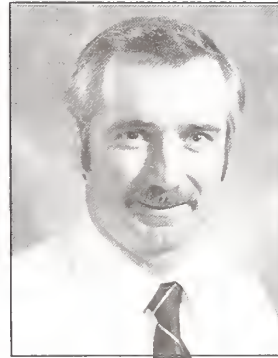
also worked as administrative specialist and inventory management specialist for the U.S. Air Force and office manager for the Army Corps of Engineers.

Retirement News

Ron Prichard, forest supervisor of the Beaverhead National Forest, announced he will retire on January 3, 1994, after 32 years in the Forest Service.

Prichard has served as the Beaverhead's supervisor since November 1985, when he moved to Dillon from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he'd served as deputy forest supervisor of the Idaho Panhandle National Forests.

Prichard presided over the Beaverhead Forest during a very busy time in natural resource management. In 1986, the Beaverhead Forest Plan first went into effect, amid appeals and controversy. Soon after, the Beaverhead



Ron Prichard

became a focus of national attention as the debate grew over Forest Service timber management. "Our timber sale program has been reduced in response to concerns over clearcutting, road building, below-cost sales, wildlife security, and the desire to maintain the scenic attraction of this beautiful area," Prichard said.

Grazing management also became controversial during Prichard's tenure, but he points with pride to the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management and many area ranchers now working cooperatively to improve the condition of critical riparian

areas (streambanks and their associated vegetation).

"By getting on top of problems with our streams, problems that have taken a century to develop, I hope we can avoid losing fisheries and facing endangered species designations, and at the same time maintain a healthy livestock industry which is so important to southwest Montana's lifestyle.

"If we can deal with habitat problems locally, then the solutions should fit our local situation. If we don't, as we've seen in other places, national priorities take over and dictate solutions that may not be to the liking of local communities."

His career included duty at Forest Service research stations in Portland, Oregon; Ogden, Utah; and six national forests in Alaska, Idaho, and Montana.

"My time on the Beaverhead has been the most enjoyable of my career—and I've been here longer than any other assignment. This is a great place to live and work, and the dedicated employees here have made it a wonderful place to end my tour of duty. Together they have helped make the Beaverhead one of the premier forests in the Northern Region," he said.

Prichard and his wife Ardis, both from Iowa, plan to continue living in Dillon.

by Jack de Golia, Public Affairs Officer
Beaverhead National Forest

In Memoriam

Donald K. Sorenson, 59, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died November 6 at his home. He worked for the Forest Service at the Missoula Ranger District as a draftsman until transferring to the Coeur d'Alene National Forest (later Idaho Panhandle National Forests) in 1961. He left the Coeur d'Alene Forest in 1970 to become self employed as a licensed surveyor.

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Smokey Reaches Middle Age



"Don't Let Fire Run Wild" run, attracting about 400 participants, at Ft. Missoula in celebration of Smokey's birthday

National Forest, was designed to be a fun and educational day for kids and adults. The Lolo is a member of the Missoula County Fire Protection Association (MCFPA), which sponsored the event through a grant from the Blackfoot Forest Protective Association. The MCFPA consists of more than a dozen firefighting agencies in and around Missoula County, including the Missoula, Ninemile, and Seeley Lake Ranger Districts of the Lolo National Forest.

Smokey Bear and Sparkey the Fire Dog arrived as the day began at 9:30 a.m. with the "Don't Let Fire Run Wild" fire prevention run. Close to 400 people participated in this event. A number of fire prevention displays were set up on various firefighting agencies involved in the MCFPA, the different types of firefighters and equipment, and the levels of training. Also on the Fort Missoula grounds were a Lifelight helicopter, a local ambulance, and several working fire engines from the various agencies.

At noon, Smokey cut the first of his six anniversary cakes signaling the start of the free barbecue and prize drawings.

by Connie Riha-Fox, Fire Prevention and Community Education Specialist
Missoula/Ninemile Fire Management Zone and
Glenda Wallace, Contractor

Smokey Bear won't be 50 years old until 1994, but celebrations have already begun. At Fort Missoula on October 3, Smokey was given a grand party, attended by over 500 members of the community of Missoula, Montana. The celebration, coordinated by Connie Riha-Fox of the Lolo



A birthday cake made by Beaverhead's resource clerk Juanita Miller, and presented to Smokey and Girl Scouts at the Birch Creek Education Center this summer



The Custer National Forest, in conjunction with Laurel, Montana's annual Herbstfest, celebrated the big "50" with cake, balloons, gifts to the children, and, of course, Smokey. Joining the party were the R-1 pack string from Huson and smokejumpers from the West Yellowstone Interagency Fire Center

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